

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015
5:30 AT TOWN OFFICE BUILDING
240 SPRINGFIELD STREET, WILBRAHAM, MA
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Robert W. Russell (presiding); Selectmen Robert J. Boilard and Susan C. Bunnell, Interim Town Administrator Thomas Sullivan, and Candace Ouillette Gaumond, Administrative Assistant to the TA/BOS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel.
- To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, whereas open session would have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town

Chairman Russell opened the meeting at 5:30pm. He asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. A motion was made.

MOTION: Made (Boilard) and seconded (Bunnell) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel and to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, whereas open session would have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town; and upon conclusion of said discussions, the Board will return to open session. The motion was approved with each Selectman voting affirmatively in a roll call vote. (Russell, yes; Boilard, yes, and Bunnell, yes.) Approved 3-0.

OPEN SESSION

Agreement with Wilbraham LF Solar, LLC – Solar Array Project

The Board of Selectmen returned briefly to open session at 6:36pm. A motion was made.

MOTION: Made (Boilard) and seconded (Bunnell) that the Board ratify and approve the Land Lease, recently revised on March 16, 2015, between Wilbraham LF Solar, LLC and the Town of Wilbraham, concerning a portion of the property known as the Old Wilbraham Landfill, located at 2720 Boston Road, and as authorized by vote of Town Meeting on May 12, 2014; and authorize the Town Administrator to sign said lease on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Wilbraham. Approved 3-0.

Request for Transfer from Reserve Fund-Legal Acct.

Interim Town Administrator Sullivan explained that a request for transfer from reserve fund was being requested to replenish the Town's Legal Account because legal fees were extraordinary and unforeseen due to the solar project, non-union personnel contract negotiations and various other matters. A motion was made.

MOTIONS: Made (Boilard) and seconded (Bunnell) to recommend the request for transfer of \$35,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Legal Account, Line Item #01-111-5219 for the purpose of unforeseen legal expenses to the end of Fiscal Year 2015. Approved 3-0.

The Selectmen decided at 6:43pm to return to Executive Session to conclude the discussion relative to contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

MOTION: Made (Boilard) and seconded (Bunnell) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel; and upon conclusion of said discussions, the Board will return to open session for adjournment. The motion was approved with each Selectman voting affirmatively in a roll call vote. (Russell, yes; Boilard, yes, and Bunnell, yes.) Approved 3-0.

Upon returning from Executive Session the second time; and having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.



Candace Ouillette Gaumond
Administrative Assistant to the TA/BOS



Robert W. Russell, Chairman



Robert J. Boilard, Vice Chairman



Susan C. Bunnell, Clerk